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From Mr. Harcourt to Lord Grey.

LONDON, 11th July, 1911.

Immediate.—Please inform Brodeur that it is understood by the Admiralty that time of publication of arrangement with regard to Dominion Naval Force would be settled in concert as was done in 1909, and that in the meantime terms will not be made public. You will be informed later as to proposed time for publication. Copy goes to you by next mail.

HARCOURT.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES OF CANADA,,

OTTAWA, 18th July, 1911.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER,

Prime Minister of Canada,

Ottawa.

DEAR SIR WILFRID,—I beg to send you herewith copy of the despatch of which I spoke to you to-day, on the subject of the publication of the memorandum on the agreement arrived at between representatives of Canada and Australia, on the one part, and the Admiralty, on the other.

I fail to see why this document should not be published at the same time as the proceedings of the Imperial Conference, though, indeed, such may be the intention. At all events, I send you the above despatch to keep you in touch with the matter in case it should come up in the House.

Would you be of opinion that it would be well to cable the Secretary of State asking him to hasten the publication of this document?

Yours very sincerely,

L. P. BRODEUR.

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CABINET DU MINISTRE DE LA MARINE ET DES PÊCHERIES DU CANADA,

OTTAWA, 18 juillet 1911.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER,

Premier Ministre du Canada,

Ottawa.

CHER M. LAURIER,—Je vous envoie sous pli copie de la dépêche dont je vous ai parlé aujourd'hui, au sujet de la publication du memo sur l'entente à laquelle en sont

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arrivés les représentants du Canada et de l'Australie, d'une part, et l'Amirauté, de l'autre.

Je ne comprends pas pourquoi on ne publierait pas ce document en même temps que ceux de la Conférence Impériale proprement dite. Il se peut aussi qu'on ait l'intention de le faire. A tout événement, je vous envoie la copie de cette dépêche afin de vous mettre au courant de la situation, au cas où il en serait question en Chambre.

Seriez-vous d'opinion qu'il serait opportun de câbler au Secrétaire d'Etat pour lui demander de hâter la publication de ce document?

Votre tout dévoué,

L. P. BRODEUR.

Canada.
No. 573.

DOWNING STREET, 14th July, 1911.

MY LORD,—

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, to be laid before your Ministers, the accompanying copies of a memorandum of conferences between the British Admiralty and representatives of the Dominions of Canada and Australia, on the subject of the Status of Dominion Navies.

2. This matter was mentioned at the last meeting of the Imperial Conference on the 20th June, and it was agreed that it should be published simultaneously in this Country and in Canada and the Commonwealth.

3. I have asked the Governor General of the Commonwealth to inform me by telegraph when it is proposed to publish the memorandum there, and I shall at once telegraph to you so that arrangements may be made for a simultaneous issue of the report in Canada.

I have the honour to be, My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor General,

His Excellency

The Right Honourable

EARL GREY, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

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Lord Grey to Mr. Harcourt.

July 25th, 1911.

Your despatch of 14th July, No. 573. Prime Minister would be very grateful if permission could be given to lay enclosure before Parliament immediately. He wishes if possible to lay simultaneously with full report of proceedings of Imperial Conference just received and is anxious not to have to wait till memorandum of Conference on naval question is received in Australia.

Please telegraph reply as soon as possible.

GREY.